

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
| |) | |
| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | Case No. 19-1190 |
| |) | |
| REYNALDO TUA-CRUZ and |) | |
| ALIDA RODRIGUEZ-BONILLA, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendants. |) | |

COMPLAINT

The United States of America, at the request of the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, and at the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, brings this action to collect the unpaid federal employment taxes assessed against Reynaldo Tua-Cruz and/or Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla for tax years 2005-2013.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this action is conferred on the Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1340 and 1345, and by 26 U.S.C. § 7402(a).
2. Venue is proper in this action by virtue of 28 U.S.C. § 1396 because defendants reside in Puerto Rico.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff is the United States of America.
4. Defendant Reynaldo Tua-Cruz is a resident of Puerto Rico, which is within the jurisdiction of this Court. He is married to defendant Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla.
5. Defendant Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla is a resident of Puerto Rico, which is within the jurisdiction of this Court. She is married to defendant Reynaldo Tua-Cruz.

**COUNT I – REDUCE TAX ASSESSMENTS AGAINST MADE AGAINST
REYNALDO TUA-CRUZ TO JUDGMENT**

6. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5 above.

7. A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury properly and timely made assessments for unpaid federal self-employment taxes, penalties, and interest, against Reynaldo Tua-Cruz with respect to the relating to the years 2005-2007, 2010, and 2011 as follows:

| Tax Year Ending | Assessment Dates | Assessed Amounts | Amount Due as of December 10, 2018 |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 12/31/2005 | 3/2/2009; 12/7/2009; 6/2/2008 | \$10,839 | \$13,682 |
| 12/31/2006 | 8/31/2009; 12/6/2010 | \$14,146 | \$19,629 |
| 12/31/2007 | 9/6/2010; 12/3/2012 | \$11,693 | \$15,555 |
| 12/31/2010 | 9/9/2013 | \$10,781 | \$12,578 |
| 12/31/2011 | 5/25/2015; 9/3/2018 | \$9,641 | \$11,459 |
| TOTAL | | | \$72,903 |

8. Notice and demand for payment of the assessments set forth in paragraph 7 above, was given to Reynaldo Tua-Cruz.

9. Statutory additions to tax, including statutory interest, have accrued and will continue to accrue on the unpaid balance of the assessments set forth in paragraph 7, above.

10. Despite notices and demands for payment of the assessments set forth in paragraph 7 above, Reynaldo Tua-Cruz has failed to pay the amounts due and owing for the tax years listed in paragraph 7, and is therefore indebted to the United States in the total amount of **\$72,903** as of December 10, 2018.

**COUNT II - REDUCE TAX ASSESSMENTS MADE AGAINST
DEFENDANTS TO JUDGMENT**

11. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10, above.

12. A delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury properly and timely made assessments against Reynaldo Tua-Cruz and Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla for unpaid federal self-employment taxes, penalties, and interest relating to the years 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2013 as follows:

| Tax Year | Assessment Dates | Assessed Amounts | Amount Due as of December 10, 2018 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 12/31/2008 | 7/28/2014 | \$14,180 | \$16,723 |
| 12/31/2009 | 8/4/2014 | \$12,541 | \$14,995 |
| 12/31/2012 | 7/21/2014 | \$11,022 | \$14,375 |
| 12/31/2013 | 7/21/2014 | \$8,502 | \$11,754 |
| TOTAL | | | \$57,847 |

13. Notice and demand for payment of the assessments set forth in paragraph 12 above, was given to Reynaldo Tua-Cruz and Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla.

14. Statutory additions to tax, including statutory interest, have accrued and will continue to accrue on the unpaid balance of the assessments set forth in paragraph 12, above.

15. Despite notices and demands for payment of the assessments set forth in paragraph 7, above Reynaldo Tua-Cruz and Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla have failed to pay the amounts due and owing for the tax years listed in paragraph 12, and are therefore indebted to the United States in the total amount of **\$57,847** as of December 10, 2018.

WHEREFORE, the United States of America respectfully prays for judgment as follows:

(A) As to Count I, that the Court grant judgment in favor of the United States and against Reynaldo Tua-Cruz for unpaid federal employment taxes, interest, and penalties for the tax years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2011 in the amount of \$72,903 as of December 10, 2018, together with all interest and penalties that have accrued and will continue to accrue according to law;

(B) As to Count II, that the Court grant judgment in favor of the United States and against Reynaldo Tua-Cruz and Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla for unpaid federal employment taxes, interest, and penalties in for the tax years 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2013, the amount of \$57,847 as of December 10, 2018, together with all interest and penalties that have accrued and will continue to accrue according to law; and

(C) Grant the United States its reasonable costs and attorneys fees incurred in this action.

Date: February 27, 2019.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

United States of America

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Jonathan Carroll

U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division

P.O. Box 227, Washington, DC 20044

DEFENDANTS

Reynaldo Tua-Cruz, and Alida Rodriguez-Bonilla

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant **Yacua**

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

| | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

| CONTRACT | TORTS | | FORFEITURE/PENALTY | BANKRUPTCY | OTHER STATUTES |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise | PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice | PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609 | <input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes |
| REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property | CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education | PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement | | | |

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation |
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTIONCite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
and 26 U.S.C. § 7402(a)

Brief description of cause:

Reduce tax assessments to judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.DEMAND \$
130,750.00

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

02/27/2019

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/ Jonathan Carroll

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RECEIPT # _____

AMOUNT _____

APPLYING IFP _____

JUDGE _____

MAG. JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
- United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

District of Puerto Rico

Civil Action No. 19-1190

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 19-1190

PROOF OF SERVICE*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
 was received by me on *(date)* _____.

☐ I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
 _____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
 on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

☐ I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
 designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the summons unexecuted because _____; or

☐ Other *(specify)*:

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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